

# Improving Male Participation in Reproductive Health

## Satellite Conference

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)**

**3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

**R**eproductive health is a lifetime concern for both women and men, from infancy to old age and yet most of the attention (and resources) go to women. However, male reproductive issues are equally important, yet often overlooked. Male attitudes towards gender and sexual relations arise in boyhood, when they are often set for life. Men need early socialization in concepts of sexual responsibility and ongoing education and support in order to experience full partnership in satisfying sexual relationships and family life. As health care providers, it is important to improve communication between men and women on issues of sexuality and reproductive health, and the understanding of their joint responsibilities, so that they are equal partners in public and private life.

In the clinic setting, staff are routinely confronted with different challenges as they treat and counsel patients regarding reproductive health issues. The focus of this conference is on history and physical assessment techniques that will enhance diagnosis and management of health care problems seen among male patients in women's reproductive health settings. Additional information will be presented to encourage men's responsibility for sexual and reproductive behavior in an effort to increase male participation in family planning.

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### **Objectives:**

1. Describe the four tenets of "The Boy Code" that can impact a male's ability to avail himself to and receive reproductive health care.
2. Identify at least five strategies for helping males to move beyond the constraints of "The Boy Code".
3. Describe four strategies for communicating with males about sexuality and reproductive health issues.

### **Conference Details:**

**Target Audience:** Nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, physicians, physician assistants and any other professional working in a family planning setting.

**Registration:** [www.adph.org/alphnt](http://www.adph.org/alphnt) **Cost:** No cost to view **Satellite Coordinates:** C & Ku Band

**Conference Materials:** Posted on website approximately one week before the program

**CEUs:** Nurses (2.1 hours) and Social Workers (2 hours)

**Questions:** [alphnt@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphnt@adph.state.al.us) or

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### **Future Programs:**

Obesity and Family Planning: Reproductive Health Impacts  
Wednesday, June 30, 2004; 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

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